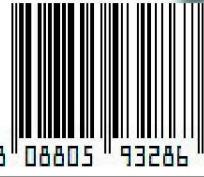


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Black ice exacts a price

Deputy Breathitt County Jailer Henry Fugate was injured Monday morning on KY 52 East when his vehicle wrecked after reportedly hit black ice.

According to the *Jackson Times-Voice*, Fugate was driving a Ford Expedition XLT to Beattyville to pick up inmates when the wreck occurred near

the Oakdale Christian High School.

The newspaper said that Fugate was transported to the Kentucky River Medical Center in Jackson where he was treated for injuries to his arm.

The vehicle suffered substantial damage.

Sheriff's audit clean; just one comment

The Lee County Sheriff's 2013 Tax Settlement has been released by the state auditor's office, with only one comment.

As is typical of small offices, the auditor expressed concern about the segregation of duties.

The auditor's report states, "Currently, the bookkeeper and a part-time deputy clerk collect receipts, record transactions, make deposits, and post amounts to the receipts ledger. Both employees complete the before mentioned duties and we found evidence of review of each other's work. However, since the majority of receipt procedures are completed by one employee with reviews only being completed when the part-time employee is at work after collections and deposits are made, a lack of adequate segregation of duties still exist."

The auditors recommend: "-The Sheriff should assign the function of depositing cash to other office staff or he should periodically compare the bank deposit to the daily checkout sheet and then compare the daily checkout sheet to the receipts

ledger. He should document this by initialing the bank deposit, daily checkout sheet, and receipts ledger. -The Sheriff should reconcile monthly reports to source documents and receipts and disbursement ledgers. This should be documented by initialing the monthly reports and ledgers. The Sheriff could also assign the function of comparing reports to source documents and ledgers to other office staff. -The Sheriff should periodically compare the bank reconciliation to the balance in the checkbook. The Sheriff should document this by initialing the bank reconciliation and the balance in the checkbook. -All deposit slips should include checks received from customers listed individually."

The sheriff responded, "Due to only one full time employee and one part time it is impossible to have different people do different duties."

The auditor replied, "Our recommendations would require duties to be segregated among existing staff and/or direct oversight of compensating controls by the Sheriff."

Seven up for sentencing

Seven people were scheduled for sentencing Wednesday in Lee Circuit Court after their cases had been held up by bad weather.

Circuit Court had been scheduled for February 20, but heavy snow and cold temperatures forced cancellation.

Brack T. Newman (1992) is one of those who was scheduled for sentencing yesterday (March 4). He was charged with receiving stolen property under \$10,000 and persistent felony offender in the second degree.

Richard A. Robinson (1987) was also scheduled for sentencing. The charge or charges against him were not listed on the docket.

The others include: Ashley McIntosh (1983) charged with promoting contraband in the first degree and persistent felony offender in the sec-

ond degree; Gregory S. Deck (1991) charged with promoting contraband in the first degree; Ricky Kenton McIntosh (1996) charged with assault in the second degree and robbery in the second degree; Jay Shoemaker (1976) charged with theft by unlawful taking \$500 or more but under \$10,000, criminal mischief in the third degree and criminal trespass in the second degree; and Matthew R. Hager (1986) charged with receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

A diversion revocation hearing was also scheduled for Marsha Marcum (1981).

A motion for probation revocation had been filed Bradford Thomas (1976).

A bench warrant had been served on Levi C. Ross (1988) for alleged probation violation.

County awards truck bid

In a called meeting last Thursday the Lee County Fiscal Court opened the only bid for two 2016 Mack trucks, and awarded the \$271,854 bid to Worldwide Equipment of Prestonsburg.

The two trucks replace two that are to be auctioned in Alabama on March 10. Those trucks left Lee County Tuesday night.

Typically, the county receives more money for the auctioned trucks than it pays for the new ones. That is because it does not have to pay taxes on the trucks.

Following the bid opening, the court gave the judge/executive and finance officer to secure/borrow funds from the Peoples Exchange Bank for the new trucks.

The court then approved contact with the Alabama auctioneer.

Shuler stable after beating

An elderly Lee County man is in stable condition at the University of Kentucky Hospital after being beaten Friday at the house where he was living.

LeRoy Shuler was flown to UK after being beat on his head by 33-year-old Jesse P. Thacker of KY 52 West.

According to police records, Lee County Deputy Sheriff Matt Eversole was dispatched to Thacker's home early Friday morning. Shuler was living at Thacker's home.

When he arrived, Eversole found that Thacker was at a neighbor's home across the road. Eversole spoke with witnesses who said that Shuler and Thacker got into a fight, allegedly, because Shuler was trying to assault Thacker's family with a vacuum cleaner.

"Thacker stated that he wrapped his arms around LeRoy Shuler while his daughter and wife ran out the door. After fighting with Shuler, Thacker stated that Shuler would not stop coming after him, so Thacker grabbed some kind of object and hit Shuler on the left side of his head beside his eye causing serious physical injury to Shuler's eye," the arrest report states.

The report also says that Shuler's skull was broken, and that he had lost an amount of blood. He could not talk with Eversole, the report says, because he was in shock.

Eversole said that EMS personnel told him that Shuler was going to be placed on life support.

The report states that the incident occurred at 8:03 a. m., and that Eversole arrested Thacker at 9:16 a. m., charging his with assault in the first degree. He was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail under \$25,000 cash bond. His arraignment was scheduled for this past Tuesday morning in Lee District Court.

Eversole said Monday that Shuler suffered fractures around his left eye.

Lee case sent back

The Kentucky Supreme Court last week vacated a Lee Circuit Court order that revoked the probation of James Kidd.

The court heard oral arguments in the case that began in 2009. Kidd had pled guilty to trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree. He was sentenced to 10 years, probated for five years.

A condition of the probation was that he leave Kentucky for five years.

Judge Tom Jones allowed Kidd to return in 2010 for two months to be with his terminally ill sister.

Two years later, Kidd was arrested in Booneville. He reportedly had been in Owsley County visiting his ill mother. Jones had not approved the visit.

Kidd was found to be in violation of the terms of his probation, and was sentenced.

The case was appealed, and the state Court of Appeals affirmed Jones' determination saying the, "Commonwealth need only prove by a preponderance of the evidence that a probationer has violated the terms of probation."

Last Monday (February 23) the Supreme Court reversed the Court of Appeals decision, and sent the case back to Lee County.

In its decision, the court did not address the fact that Kidd had agreed to leave the state as part of receiving probation in his plea deal. Instead, it looked at whether or not being banned from the state should be a part of probation.

Justice J. Cunningham dissented in the opinion saying that the matter was moot because Kidd already served his time.

Schools already miss 18 days

As of this past Tuesday, Lee County Schools had missed 18 days and four hours. If no more time is missed, though snow and ice are predicted for Thursday, the last day for students would be May 27.

April 8, 9 and 10 are still on the school calendar as days off for spring break. If recommended to the school board and approved those days could be used as make up days.



Owner Luther Smith (right) discusses progress in the razing of the Village Apothecary. The building suffered severe damage during the recent heavy snow.

Opinion/News Page



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By State Representative Cluster Howard

Returning to legislative duties in earnest this week, we addressed many key concerns in the state Capitol, including shoring up teachers' retirement, protecting our children against Internet intruders and increasing educational advancement for our veterans. It's been a busy week, in one of the most active annual sessions on record in terms of the number of bills filed, but one that's produced many possibilities for positive change.

With bipartisan support, we approved a House proposal to authorize \$3.3 billion in bonds to shore up the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System's pension fund. The legislation seeks to take advantage of historically-low interest rates and better ensure the system's viability for years to come. This proposal will help us keep our commitment to Kentucky's teachers and retirees who have shown so much dedication to our children. House Bill 4 now moves to the Senate for action. I was honored to support this bill and I truly hope our Senate is able to address the issue.

Rep. Rita Smart presented legislation on child abuse and neglect prevention and training in public schools (HB301).

In response to reports by the Kentucky State Police of sharp increases in the kinds of crimes perpetrated online, we passed House Bill 427. This is a way for KSP's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) to combat dangerous Internet predators. Known as "Alicia's Law," this act is named for a 12-year-old girl who was abducted and abused by a man she met online. The legislation provides dedicated funding for state police efforts to find internet criminals and bring them to justice.

By a 97-0 vote, the House approved legislation that would require the development of a statewide policy to award academic credit for military service and training as a way of helping veterans gain a stronger foothold in the job market after the

Dear Editor

On Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 1:00 PM there will be a ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot, Beverly Daniel. We are putting in a new Headstone on his grave provided

by the Veterans Affairs in Washington D.C... We will also be doing a grave marking ceremony by the Sons of the American Revolution. The ceremony will consist of wreaths being placed on the grave by the DAR and SAR.

With the help of the Powell County Historical Society, Nora Lee Walters, found my forefathers grave in the Conlee/Maxwell cemetery in Powell County, Kentucky.

Full honors will be presented for Beverly Daniel and a prayer service. I want to invite all relatives of the Daniel family in Mt Sterling, KY and around the Powell and Lee Counties area. Beverly had three sons, James, John and Achilles. John is from Lee County KY, James and Achilles are from Mt Sterling area. Any offspring of these men are relatives of Beverly Daniel and are welcome to attend the service. Flowers are welcomed at the service. Come and meet your distant cousins and enjoy the celebration of our Patriot Forefather.

John Lyons
1471 E Avenida Grande
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
520-518-5688

Past President Tucson Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Directions to the cemetery: From the Stanton exit, head towards town 2 lights down is Highway 15 turn right, take the first right after Rosslin, the cemetery is about one block on the left. There will be signs in place.

Community Events

Farmers Market Organizational Meeting

The Lee County Farmers Market (Mountain Farmers Market) will hold an organizational meeting on March 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lee County Extension Service. This meeting will be to accept new members and discuss rules. If you are interested in selling produce at the Lee County Farmers Market you must attend this meeting. Before a member can accept the W.I.C. vouchers at the market he or she has to go through a certified training. For additional information please contact the Lee County Extension Service at (606) 464-2759. Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Beattyville/Lee County Chamber of Commerce Against Transparency for Taxing Authorities!

By Chuck Caudill

During the January Chamber of Commerce meeting, I presented an eight year history of the tax rates for the county and the results of my research which showed almost all meetings by taxing authorities were during work days, frequently poorly advertised and often lax in adherence to public meeting statutes. It also showed, despite significant tax revenue increases, tax rates also rose creating an ever growing burden on local businesses and tax payers.

I suggested the Chamber draft a letter requesting more transparency in the taxing process to increase timely knowledge of the issues for consensus building in the community and between entities.

The initial response by one member was this shouldn't be addressed, but a majority felt the letter should be drafted and voted on.

After presenting the letter for comment and discussion at the February Chamber meeting, which despite the weather, was one of the most

heavily attended in memory, it was overwhelmingly voted down.

What was so contentious in the letter the Chamber didn't want to address the issue? Here are the recommendations I provided for discussion.

- Greater access to decision making: taxing authority meetings are universally held during the work day and often poorly advertised. It is recommended all authorities schedule meetings outside normal working hours.

- Increase information: the community finds itself frequently in a position of getting involved after the ball is already in motion on

projects. Use local media to promote discussion of issues before funding is committed to build consensus. Provide regular updates on project status and spending.

- Greater transparency: record all meetings and post them on the local web site to demonstrate support of the spirit of Kentucky Statutes applying to Open Public Meetings.

- More detailed sharing of fiscal issues: quarterly share with the community the source

and amount of funding and how it's expended on projects.

One business leader said a business organization shouldn't address the issue. One was afraid what would happen to the Chamber if this was addressed. One felt

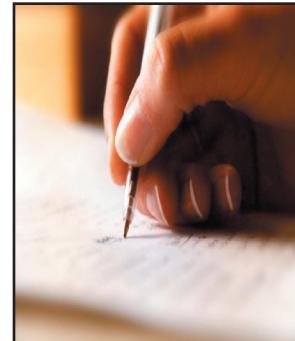
it was against the charter of the chamber. One suggested my interest in researching the facts was a vendetta. One commented a taxing authority on occasion didn't act in the interest of the community. One felt the annual audits of these authorities were adequate and some felt the letter should be read, possibly edited and voted on later. The feeling by most was the issue had to end right then. It did.

I believe, to build a dynamic community, leaders must promote broad citizen involvement. Chamber support of those simple steps would have gone a long way to changing a culture where many in the community feel excluded from decision making. Studies show; a vibrant, engaged, diverse community is the best way to create jobs and spur business growth to break the strangle hold of drugs and poverty on the area and create a brighter future for generations to come.

Comment at chuck102001@aol.com

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Eye to Eye

with David Blandford, M.D.

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

"Uveitis" is inflammation

of the middle layer of the eye, called the "uvea," which includes the iris (the colored portion of the eye);

the ciliary body (which pro-

duces fluid, aqueous humor,

inside the eye); and the chor-

oid (which provides nutri-

tion to the retina). While

the most common type of

uveitis involves inflamma-

tion of the iris called "iritis"

(anterior uveitis), there are

many types of uveitis, each

of which is classified by

where the inflammation

occurs in the eye. Causes of

this eye inflammation often

remain unknown and often

occur in healthy people. In

other cases, an underlying

autoimmune disorder or

infection may be the cause.

Symptoms, which include

blurred vision, floaters, and

eye pain, warrant an imme-

diate eye exam.

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and treatment are important

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fluid in the retina, glaucoma,

retinal detachment, or vision

loss.

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Church Page

Obituaries



Helen Noble

Helen Noble, age 59, passed away peacefully at her home in Booneville on February the 21, 2015. Helen was born in Breathitt County, KY on September 19, 1955 to the late Everett and Amanda (Barrett) Noble. She was employed at the Owsley County Health Care Center and a Homemaker.

She was a beloved Mother and is survived by a Special Friend; Jim Deaton of Booneville, KY, one Son; Jeff (Beth) Noble of Beattyville, KY, 4 Grandchildren; Meranda S. Noble, Carlee Rheanna Noble, Dillon Noble and Logan Noble of Beattyville, KY, 2 Brothers; Roy Noble and Pryce Noble both of Booneville, KY, 2 Sisters; Ruby Noble Gabbard of Booneville, KY and Betty Lou Wooton of Buckhorn KY, 1 niece; Janice Gabbard of Booneville, KY, 4 Nephews; James E. Noble of Jackson, KY, Keith Gabbard, Billy Dewayne Noble of Booneville, KY and Timothy Wooton of Buckhorn, KY, 1 Great Niece; Kia Noble of Jackson, KY, 3 Great Nephews; Tristan Noble of Jackson, KY and Shawn Noble of Beattyville, KY and Ben Wooton of Jackson, KY and many other loving family members and friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers; Willard Noble of Booneville, KY and R.B. Noble of Booneville, KY, 1 daughter; Tonya Renee Noble of Booneville, KY. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Booneville Funeral Home with Pastor Ivan Smith officiating. She was laid to rest in the Noble Family Cemetery in the Island Creek Community of Booneville, KY.

To leave the family a special message visit www.boonevillekyfuneralhome.com.

The Booneville Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Comparing Notes on the Upcoming Maddox Book

Submitted by Allen Booth



Home repair applications are ready



Cumberland Mountain Outreach Ministries Inc., is a faith based non-profit organization for children in the Appalachian region.

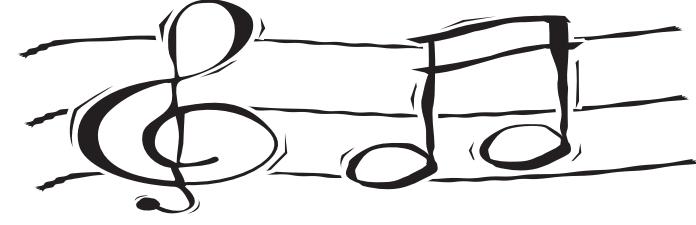
The applications are screened and applicants deemed most needy will be top priority. Please keep in mind that all home repairs that cannot be completed in a week will be the families' responsibility. All applications will be presented to a panel and when a decision is made you will be notified to discuss scheduling and other arrangement details. When workers are present an adult from the home must be present. If you have filled out an application previously but were not selected please fill out a new application for review. Application can be found at and returned to the Second Hand Rose.

NOTE: Workers are here for one week so please limit your job list to those that can be completed in this time frame. If all work cannot be completed in one week it will be up to the residence to complete their work. Application must be sent in by April 1, 2015.

The new hours for Second Hand Rose are

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 – 5:00.

The Second Hand Rose is having a \$1.00 bag sale.



Mark Bishop in Concert at Torrent First Church of God

Sunday, March 15th, at 11:00 am, acclaimed gospel music singer and songwriter, Mark Bishop, will be in concert during the morning service at Torrent First church of God. Sunday School will be held at regular time, 10:00 a.m. It will be a good time of Christian fellowship and an opportunity to meet Mark Bishop. Please join us for this special event. The church is located at 1350 Hwy 11, 6 miles south of Natural Bridge State Park. For more information call 606-668-3524.

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LEE COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

College students should take FASFA verification process seriously

The federal government requires colleges to verify the information submitted by many students on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA is the form used to apply for most federal and many state student aid programs. It asks detailed questions about the income and resources of students and their parents if the students are considered dependent students. Students are considered dependent if they are undergraduate students under 24 years old, not married, have no dependents of their own, are not veterans or were not orphans or wards of the court until age 19.

The college or, in some cases, an agency working with the college will contact students to let them know if their data is being verified.



Students and parents need to take that process seriously, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Students chosen for verification cannot receive their financial aid until they have completed the process.

If students have decided not to attend a college that

asked them for verification, they should let the college know so it will stop requesting information.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Academic team advances to regionals

Beattyville Elementary's Academic Team competed in the District Governor's Cup on Saturday, February 28th at Rogers Elementary. Beattyville placed 1st in Future Problem Solving and placed 3rd Overall.

Maggie Durbin placed 1st in English Composition, Joe

Napier placed 4th in Language Arts, and Sarah Johnson placed 5th in Mathematics.

The Academic Team now advances to Regionals and will host this event on Saturday, March 21st.



A NASA spacecraft named Dawn is making space exploration history. It is the first spacecraft to orbit two different solar system targets.

Plenty of spacecraft have flown by two or more planets or moons during their missions. But orbiting something is a lot harder. The spacecraft has to put itself into "reverse" using its thrusters and lots of fuel in order to be captured by the gravity of a planet and go into orbit. Otherwise, it would just fly right on by. And to leave orbit, it would have to pull itself out of the gravitational field using even more fuel, like hauling itself up out of a deep hole.

You can't really put that much rocket fuel on a spacecraft. It would be too heavy and expensive to launch. But Dawn works very differently. Dawn uses electricity to propel itself. Its ion propulsion technology shoots charged atoms, called ions, out of a small engine at super high speed. The electrical energy comes from solar panels and the atoms are from a gas called xenon.

This technology has allowed Dawn to make its historic journey to the asteroid belt, first orbiting and studying the asteroid Vesta, then leaving that orbit, traveling another 900 million miles and going into orbit around dwarf planet Ceres. Dawn is also the first spacecraft to visit a dwarf planet. The ion engine has enabled Dawn to spiral into the "gravity well" of one body, spiral back out, and have enough fuel left to go and do it all over again (although Dawn will not be leaving Ceres orbit).

Ion propulsion uses much less fuel than other means of space travel humans have tried. Therefore, the spacecraft is light enough to launch, but still has the

A Two-for-one Space First

By Alex H. Kasprak

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

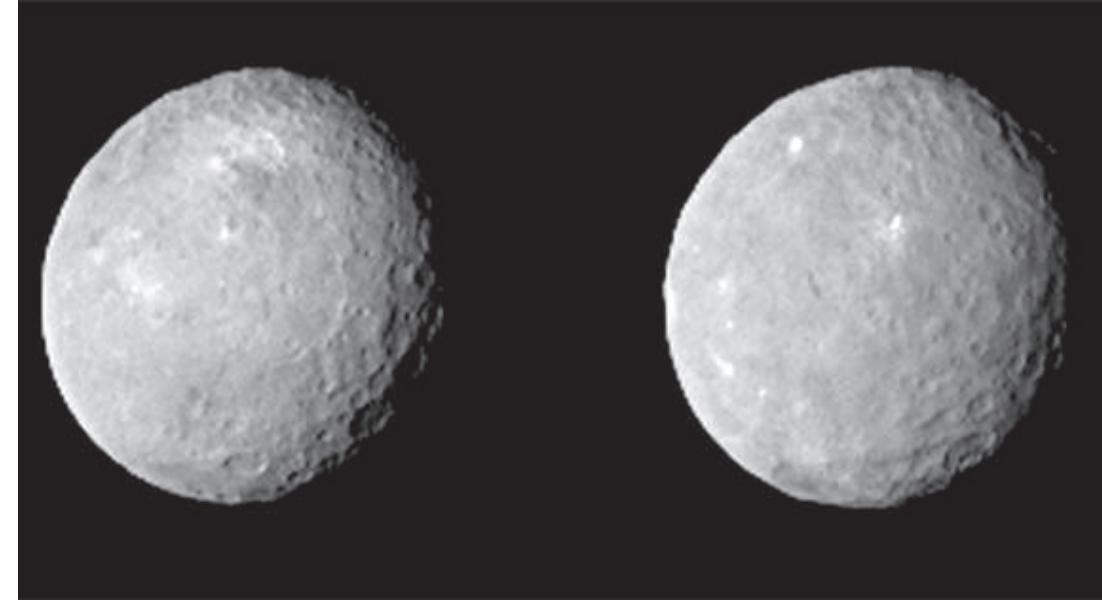
miles per hour!

But once it gets going, it really gets going! By keeping these ion-powered engines thrusting for a long time, Dawn can do things no other craft has done!

Visit NASA's Space Place to

learn more about ion thrusters at <http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/ion-balloons>.

Learn more about the Dawn mission at <http://dawn.jpl.nasa.gov/>



These two views of Ceres were seen by NASA's Dawn spacecraft on February 12, 2015, from a distance of about 52,000 miles as the dwarf planet rotated. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/UCLA/MPS/DLR/IDA.

4-H Box Lunch Fundraiser

**Homemade Chili or Potato Soup / Crackers
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4th Grade engineering project

The 4th graders at Beattyville Elementary have been learning about engineering in Mrs. Neiderman's science class. Each student was asked to build a structure with multiple levels that would withstand a simulated earthquake. Pictured is Reagan Wilson, who did an excellent job!



Lee County Middle School Site Base Council's regular meetings will be on the last Tuesday of every month at 4:00 in the LCMS library. Next will be on Tuesday, March 30th.

Beattyville Elementary's annual Red Carpet Ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday, March 26th:

5:30 for K-2
7:00 for 3-5

Fact or Fiction?

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Some animals are endangered, that is, there are so few left that they could easily become extinct. Here are some questions about endangered animals. How many can you answer correctly?

Answers: 1) The only animals that are endangered are located in the United States. **Fact or Fiction?**
2) The destruction of habitat is one of the main reasons animals become endangered. **Fact or Fiction?**
3) Hunting can also cause animals to become endangered. **Fact or Fiction?**
4) Calling an animal "endangered" can protect it but also harm it. **Fact or Fiction?**
5) Some countries have made laws to protect endangered animals. **Fact or Fiction?**
6) Some laws prevent the hunting of endangered animals. **Fact or Fiction?**
7) Some endangered animals are so near extinction that the only ones that remain are in captivity. **Fact or Fiction?**
8) Once an animal becomes endangered, it will always be in danger of becoming extinct. **Fact or Fiction?**
9) Once an animal becomes extinct, it is gone forever. **Fact or Fiction?**
10) The extinction of one animal group can lead to the extinction of another. **Fact or Fiction?**

Jokes Jokes Jokes

Q: What kind of cookies do monkeys like?
A: Chocolate chips.

Q: How do turtles communicate?
A: By shellphone.

***If you have any school news you would like to see in The Beattyville Enterprise just send an email to: beattyill@bellsouth.net**

News - Local/regional

The benefits of walking

Dr. Dale O'Neal

Walking has many benefits, according to the American Heart Association. Taking a deliberate walk on a regular basis is often the first step to weight loss. While many feel reluctant to begin an exercise routine, no one should hesitate about walking, assuming a basic health beginning point. Researchers agree that regular walking is often the first step to a more thorough exercise program.

And regular walking also reduces the onset of Type Two Diabetes in those people predisposed to the disease. Walking apparently has an overall positive affect on the blood system, including lowering sugar levels. Researchers agree that walking for at least thirty minutes on a daily basis significantly reduces the occurrence of coronary heart disease. Women of all ages should know that walking has a profound impact on reducing the risk of osteoporosis.

Those with high blood



pressure issues are especially encouraged to begin a walk-

ing program. Monitor your pressure before the walk

and after the walk, and keep a diary of all your readings. Research has shown that people dedicated to a long term walking program have a reduced incidence of both breast cancer and colon cancer.

It is for the physical reasons that most people choose to walk. However, new research indicates that walking also has significant benefits to our mental health also. Dedicated walkers have a lower rate of psychological issues and are generally more satisfied with life. The highest scores for satisfaction came from those walkers who regularly walked with another person. The joint effort of having a friend dedicated to a common pursuit multiplied the benefits. The highest satisfaction rate came from those who regularly walked with a friend from church. Regardless, researchers encouraged walking at any level with a gradual increase of both time and energy expended.

Kentucky awarded grant to help reduce childhood hunger

\$3.6 million award will benefit families with children in southeastern counties

Governor Steve Beshear today announced a \$3.6 million federal grant for a pilot project to help rural families with children receive more substantial food benefits.

The project will focus on poverty and food insecurity among children in southeastern Kentucky and will test the impact of providing households with children with an additional transportation deduction that may increase the amount of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits they receive.

"This pilot project takes into account the high cost of transportation to and from the grocery store for families

in rural communities, where a trip into town is not an easy task," Gov. Beshear said. "We expect this project to enhance the lifeline of food benefits and to help keep children from going hungry."

The grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which administers SNAP, will go to the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), part of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

Kentucky is one of five states and territories receiving grants from USDA totaling more than \$27 million. The grant projects focus on ways to help end childhood hunger, particularly in rural areas.

In Kentucky's project, the income of participating families will be calculated

to include a deduction for transportation costs of grocery shopping.

CHFS Secretary Audrey Tayse Haynes said this is the first project of its kind to address transportation challenges to food access.

"For a typical family, transportation is the second largest portion of the budget," she said. "This innovative project addresses the challenges faced by low-income families where geography also plays a part in making ends meet."

Preliminary research shows that the transportation deduction could result in as much as an extra \$50 per month in benefits for a working SNAP household.

DCBS administers SNAP at its local offices in every county. This project will focus on targeted counties

in the eastern mountain area, where the income level of families is persistently low. Only families with children 16 and younger are eligible to participate.

Planning will begin this month, and the test phase of the project will begin in January 2016. The pilot concludes in September 2017.

About 38 percent of families in the eastern mountain counties receive SNAP benefits. Child poverty rates are nearly 40 percent and the unemployment rate is 14 percent.

The grants are made possible by the federal Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA).

To learn more about SNAP, including how to apply, visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dfs/foodstampsebt.htm>.

LCRT to meet

The Lee Co. Retired Teachers will meet Monday, March 9, 2015, at 1:30 pm, Beattyville Christian Church Annex. If we have inclement weather please dial our Free Conference Call number instead. That number is 1-(862) 902-0240 - Access code is 62323#

TOURNAMENT TIME

By Billy Davis

Dedicate this article to the good social event of tournament time. The basketball tournaments add so much to our social life.

Then there is the expectancy of winning. It can include our friends and especially our own kids.

Take time to give a hand of compliment to these players who work hard to help their teams win.

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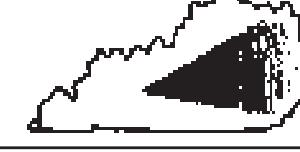
CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

"Uveitis" is inflammation of the middle layer of the eye, called the "uvea," which includes the iris (the colored portion of the eye); the ciliary body (which produces fluid, aqueous humor, inside the eye); and the choroid (which provides nutrition to the retina). While the most common type of uveitis involves inflammation of the iris called "iritis" (anterior uveitis), there are many types of uveitis, each of which is classified by where the inflammation occurs in the eye. Causes of this eye inflammation often remain unknown and often occur in healthy people. In other cases, an underlying autoimmune disorder or infection may be the cause. Symptoms, which include blurred vision, floaters, and eye pain, warrant an immediate eye exam.

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Stivers' legislative update

This past week the main focus of both the Senate and the House chambers was the legislative approach to combat heroin in Kentucky. The House heroin bill was presented in the Senate Committee on Judiciary and, in turn, our Senate Bill 5 was heard in the House Judiciary Committee. While the two bills have some differences, it is the primary goal of both chambers to deliver a working piece of legislation that can begin to heal the devastating wounds heroin has inflicted on our Commonwealth. In the Senate we have made heroin legislation a top priority for the third straight year, and we are tirelessly working to accomplish our mission.

While heroin continues to be the focal point, there have been other significant bills approved by our chamber this past week. From technical changes and statutory updates, to legislation that was the fruition of years of work, the Senate continued to pass bills in hopes of making

Kentucky a better place to work, raise a family, and thrive.

One major piece of legislation, Senate Bill 168, which would support economic revitalization of the Appalachian region, passed. This legislation would enable job creation, and incentivize entrepreneurship and small business in the region through a funding mechanism to deploy grants and programs through Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) (a 501C non-profit corporation).

Over 7,000 jobs have been lost due to the war on coal. To confront this problem, Congressman Hal Rogers and Governor Steve Beshear created SOAR to stimulate the economy, improve access to technology, and improve infrastructure. This legislation gives another tool to accomplish these goals.

The Senate has also worked to create opportunities for Kentucky's young people and their educational pursuits. We passed Senate Bill 110, which would allow high school juniors and seniors to

begin using their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) to pay for up to six credit hours of dual credit courses. Dual Credit means students taking college courses and earning college credit while

enrolled in high school. This bill would help ease the cost burden on students and their families throughout Kentucky.

Continuing with an educational focus, the Senate passed Senate Resolution 103. The measure would allow the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Kentucky Workforce Oversight Task Force to study and develop recommendations concerning the benefits, investments and funding of workforce education, which is estimated at approximately \$900 million a year.

Action was also taken this week to modernize Kentucky's regulations on high-volume hydraulic fracturing, often referred to as enhanced recovery for the first time in over 20

years. Senate Bill 186 would mandate energy companies notify nearby landowners of any planned enhanced recovery process, clean up the well before abandoning it, and dispose of the chemicals used in the process.

Enhanced Recovery is an oil and gas well development process that typically involves injecting water, sand and chemicals under high pressure into a bedrock formation, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The technique is used commonly in low-permeability rocks like tight sandstone, shale and some coal beds to release oils and gasses.

The Senate also passed bills that would save the state money and benefit all Kentuckians by helping to manage our debt. The Senate passed Senate Bill 93, which would move all elections of Kentucky's constitutional officers to even-numbered years along with federal elections. By synchronizing local, state, and federal elections, the government at all three levels would save money. Not to mention,

statistics show that more citizens vote during federal election cycles. SB 93 would help to increase voter participation, allowing more of the people to have more of a say.

Finally, the Senate passed Senate Bill 94. The bill would help reign in our current debt, and prevent the growth of new debt. The measure would work in favor of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System by limiting the issuance of general fund-supported debt, and transfer the savings to the nonhazardous employee unfunded liability trust fund. As publicly elected officials, we have an obligation to leave things better than when we found them. Our children, and the generations to come, will be crippled by debt that we have procured, unless we take a stand and make the responsible choice to cut back and begin saving.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns you may have at 502-564-3120.



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Courthouse Page

Three Forks Jail Report

John A. Beatey, charge: wanton endangerment 1st degree.

Kenneth M. Becknell, charge: court visit.

Kyle A. Black, charge: flagrant non support.

Brandie Blankenship, charge: serving warrant for other police agency.

James Bowling, charge: burglary 2nd degree; charge: criminal trespassing 2nd degree; charge: criminal mischief 3rd degree; charge: alcohol intoxication in public place 1st and 2nd offense.

James Brandenburg, charge: theft by unlawful taking shoplifting u/\$500.

Michael W. Brundon, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense; charge: leaving scene of accident failure to render aid or assistance; charge: failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st offense.

Bryant D. Coleman, charge: probation violation for felony offense.

Elliott Combs, charge: alcohol intoxication in public place 1st and 2nd offense.

Jacob Deaton, charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting u/\$500; charge: criminal mischief 3rd degree; charge: public intoxication controlled substance

excludes alcohol.

Robert D. Gentry, charge: assault 4th degree minor injury.

Jason Hughes, charge: parole violation for technical violation.

Rodney Keeton, charge: burglary 3rd degree; charge: criminal trespassing 3rd degree.

Tonya Lambert, charge: disorderly conduct 2nd degree.

Tiffany Larrison, charge: trafficking in controlled substance 1st degree 2nd or > offense (2 gms heroin).

Grace A. Marchione, charge: no registration receipt; charge: failure to produce insurance card; charge: failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st offense; charge: leaving scene of accident failure to render aid or assistance; charge: failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st offense.

Michael W. Brundon, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense; charge: leaving scene of accident failure to render aid or assistance; charge: failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st offense.

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Jacob Deaton, charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting u/\$500; charge: criminal mischief 3rd degree; charge: public intoxication controlled substance

of court libel/slander resistance to order; charge: no registration plates.

Arnold Melton, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense; charge: fleeing or evading police 1st degree motor vehicle; charge: wanton endangerment 1st degree; charge: failure to wear seat belts; charge: reckless driving; charge: improper passing; charge: failure to register transfer of motor vehicle; charge: no registration receipt; charge: possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle prohibited.

Michael Mize, charge: alcohol intoxication in public place 1st and 2nd offense; charge: serving bench warrant for court; charge: serving bench warrant for court.

Christopher L. Noble, charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting u/\$500.

Lester Scott Noble, charge: unauthorized use of motor vehicle 1st offense; charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others u/\$500; charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting u/\$500; charge: public intoxication

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controlled substance excludes alcohol; charge: possession controlled substance 2nd degree.

Nannie Sue Noble, charge: serving bench warrant for court.

James D. Patrick, charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol; charge: possession controlled substance 3rd degree.

Jeremy K. Patton, charge: receiving stolen property (firearm).

Marilyn A. Perkins, charge: assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury.

Tara Peters, charge: serving warrant for other police agency.

Joseph T. Plavnick, charge: possession of handgun by convicted felon; charge: receiving stolen property firearm; charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others u/\$500.

Terry C. Prater, charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess.

Billy R. Roarke, charge: disorderly conduct 2nd degree.

Chasity B. Rogers, charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol; charge: serving bench warrant for court; charge: parole violation for felony offense.

Sean E. Sampson, charge:

assault 2nd degree.

Billy Shepherd, charge: possession controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense (methamphetamine); charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess/

Felicia A. Spicer, charge: endangering the welfare of a minor.

Harlan Stamper, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 1st offense; charge: receiving stolen property (firearm).

Chris D. Tutle, charge: conspiracy to trafficking in controlled substance 1st degree 2nd or > offense.

Kevin J. Vires, charge: serving bench warrant for court.

Lisa M. Warner, charge: alcohol intoxication in public place 1st and 2nd offense.

Jason D. Wilder, charge: serving bench warrant for court; charge: no registration plates; charge: no registration receipt; charge: failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st offense; charge: failure to produce insurance card; charge: obstructed vision and/or windshield.

Kinea D. Thompson, charge: promoting contraband 1st degree.

Johnny Thorpe Jr. charge: assault 4th degree minor injury; charge: terroristic threatening 3rd degree.

Harley R. Tipton, charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess; charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess; charge:

illegal possession of legend drug; charge: contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order; charge: non payment of fines; charge: alcohol intoxication in public place 1st and 2nd offense; charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess.

Alisha Sue Turner, charge: weekender.

Latosha F. Turner, charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess; charge: receiving stolen property firearm.

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Billy Gene Woodson, charge: engaging in organized crime; charge: contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.

Beef herd expansion appears to be underway

Submitted by Ted Johnson, CEA for Agriculture

USDA released their annual cattle inventory estimates in late January. This report was especially significant this year as many were looking for confirmation that beef herd expansion had begun. Overall, the report indicated that expansion was underway, and perhaps at a faster pace than many expected. Also, the report confirmed that the cow herd was larger coming into 2015, likely as a result of decreased cow slaughter during 2014. Total cattle and calves were estimated to be up by about 1% from 2014. Estimates are shown in the table at the end of this article and include both 2014 and 2015.

The number that will likely have the most immediate impact on beef producers is the estimated size of the beef cow herd. The January 2015 estimate was just under 29.7 million, which was an increase of a little more than 2% from 2014. Sizeable increases were seen in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Increases in herd size in the southeast were more moderate for the most part. Cow slaughter had been running well below year ago levels for virtually all of 2014, and I think this was the primary driver of the increase in cow numbers. Deep culling in much of the US during 2011-2013 resulted in beef producers coming into 2014 with a younger cow herd. The combination of a younger herd, favorable weather, and attractive calf prices likely resulted in producers simply culling fewer cows in 2014. The impact will be a larger calf crop being marketed in the US for 2015, which will have an impact on calf prices this fall.

The other number that has gotten a lot of attention was a 4% increase in the number of heifers held for beef cow replacement. Heifer retention was also slightly above year

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Recorded March 2.

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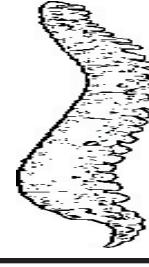
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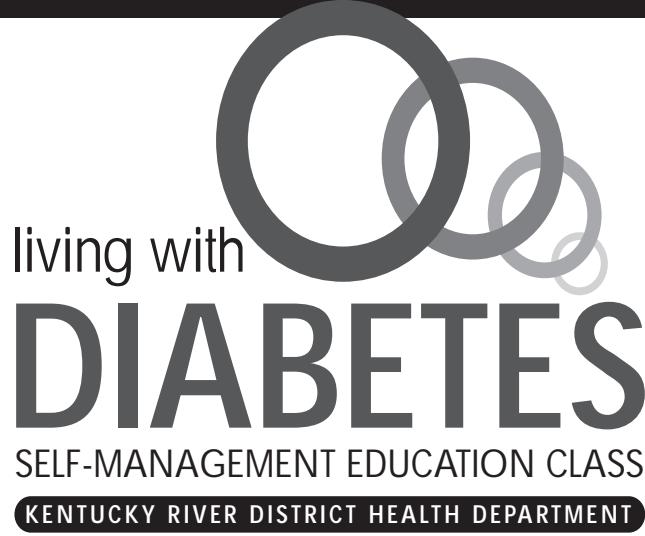
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Minter Veterinary Services will be accepting donations for Friends of Powell County's Pets, a non-profit organization whose mission is to rescue animals from local animal shelters. Residents of Lee and Owsley Counties are invited to contribute to this cause. Donations may be dropped off at Minter Veterinary Services during regular business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm or Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

The following items are most needed by the group:

- *Kitten and Puppy Chow
- *Cat and Dog Food
- *Cat Litter
- *Paper Towels
- *Pet Toys

For further information, please call 606-464-1155. You may also find out more about FOPCP by visiting their website at <http://fopcp.org>

Owen Minter

End of the rainbow savings and selection can be found at



Smith Brothers, Furniture Traditions, Brophy, Catnapper, Livingston, Jackson, Tennessee Enterprises

Eagle, Standard, Lancer, Berkline, Tempur-Pedic, Englelander, Vineyard, Vaughn-Bassett, Seiko, Pulsar, Thomas Miller, Ridgeway, and W.R. Case Knives, Precious Moments



Payment plans to fit your needs; service after the sale and FREE delivery & set-up (some restrictions)

DUNAHOO FURNITURE

2798 HWY 11 North
Beattyville, KY
(606) 464-0700

VILLAGE APOTHECARY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

- Located with Stufflebean Pharmacy at 1031 Grand Ave. (next to Dr. Noble's office)
- All your patient records have been recovered and your Village Apothecary staff is there to serve you as they have for the past 31 years.
- Village Apothecary's phone number remains the same at 464-3656. **We are open Saturday 9:00-1:00 as usual.**
- We appreciate your continued support for us during this inconvenience.
- Watch for our new pharmacy being constructed in the same location. We should be open within 6 months.
- Patients may also get their prescriptions filled at any of our other Jordan Drug locations at Owsley Prescription Center, Wolfe Prescription Center, Breathitt Prescription Center, Jackson Apothecary & Powell Prescription Center since our stores are connected electronically.



Bobby McQueen, R.Ph.
464-3656



Peggy Zachary, R.Ph.
464-3396



464-9100

We want to thank the following people for their help & support during our recent roof collapse:

Bobby McQueen & Jordan Drug/Jordan Medical Staff

Beattyville Police Dept.

Lee County Sheriff's Office

Mayor John Smith

All those who have called to show their support.